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ACB, AVN, KUS, APH, INWA-M, INWA-N, INSE, OPER, MRL, INPO, FORPZ1) FURTHER TO CAPTURE OF

US-ARVN VESSEL FOLLOW-UP NR TWO TO [REDACTED] SPOT REPORT

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FURTHER ANALYSIS OF CAMBODIAN MILITARY COMMUNICATIONS INTERCEPTED ON 20 MAY 1968, INDICATE THE FOLLOWING TO BE A VALID REPORT OF THE ABOVE-NAMED INCIDENT, ACCORDING TO AVAILABLE SIGINT. INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THE ORIGINAL SPOT REPORT AND IN FOLLOW-UP NR ONE IS SUPERCEDED: ON 20 MAY 1968 AT 1200G OR 1500G, A US-ARVN TUGBOAT REPORTEDLY VIOLATED CAMBODIAN TERRITORIAL WATERS IN KOH THOM (11-05N 105-06E: WT1125) SECTOR. IT IS UNCLEAR WHETHER THE INCIDENT TOOK PLACE ON THE MEKONG OR BASSAC RIVER. CAMBODIAN SURFACE DEFENSE UNIT NR 1711 AND AN MRK (ROYAL CAMBODIAN NAVY) PATROL CRAFT REPORTEDLY INTERCEPTED THIS VESSEL WITHIN CAMBODIAN WATERS, BOARDED IT AND CAPTURED IT. THE VESSEL'S CREW, COMPRISED OF TWO AMERICANS AND EIGHT FILIPINOS, WAS TAKEN PRISONER AND WAS HELD AT THE KOH THOM COMMAND POST. IT WAS INDICATED THAT THEY WOULD IMMEDIATELY BE SENT TO PHNOM PENH. NO RESISTANCE ON THE PART OF THE CREW WAS REFLECTED IN SIGINT. THE VESSEL REPORTEDLY HAD HEAVY AND LIGHT ARMAMENTS ON BOARD INCLUDING NA LIGHT MACHINEGUN AND AN M-14 MACHINEGUN. AFTER BEING CAPTURED THE VESSEL WAS TOWED TO NEAK LUONG (11-16N 105-18E: WT3345). IT WAS LATER INDICATED THAT THE TUGBOAT WAS ON ROUTE TO CHRU CHA G WAR, A SUBURB OF PHNOM PENH, WHICH IS THE LOCATION OF HQS, MRK. KOH ROKAR (11-45N 105-20E: WT 4995) SECTOR AND KOH THOM ELEMENTS ARE ON ALERT. XXHH 366 NNNNC

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